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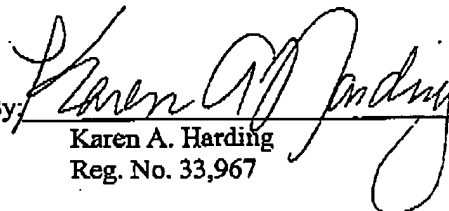
Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated September 26, 2002, applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-31, 41-44, 47-49, 51-52, without prejudice to file a divisional application on the non-elected group. Applicants elect the following species, coated zeolites, which applicant believe are represented by claims 1-25 and claims 26-31. Claims 26-31 depend from claim 1 and further define the coating in claim 1. Therefore Applicants respectfully submit that claims 26-31 are readable on the elected species. Claims 51 and 52 are directed to nano-sized zeolites, which are not dependent upon claim 1 and are not required to be coated. Applicants therefore suggest that claims 51 and 52 are outside the elected species. Applicants submit that that foregoing election is complete under 35 U.S.C. 1.111 and

MPEP 818. Acceptance of the election and a first action on the elected group and species is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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